

Council, the Representative Assembly returning four members as heretofore. Some members suggested that the nominations may be made so as to give representation to the districts unrepresented in the result of the election, but a fear was expressed that this might interfere with the representation of minorities, etc.

Mr. M. Subbiah was against nominations being made to give representation to districts and said that it did not matter if all members elected came from the same district or more districts. The best men should be returned to the Legislative Council irrespective of the districts to which they belong.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao.—The members should be elected in the district itself. The votes of Representative Assembly Members may be recorded in their own places.

Reply of Government.—Government will carefully consider these suggestions which require a redistribution of seats on the Legislative Council.

Mr. Gundu Rao.—Members who are not Mysoreans and who have no landed interest in the State should not be nominated to the Legislative Council.

Temporary Member.—A confidential list of such members may be given.

Mr. Gundu Rao.—Government can make enquiries and ascertain.

Reply of Government.—The general principle is correct, but it may be necessary sometimes to nominate a person who is neither a Mysorean nor has any landed interest in the State to the Legislative Council to represent particular interests. No hard and fast rule can be made as regards nomination by Government.

Mr. C. Subba Rao said that there should be a non-official member on the Executive Council. Non-officials have been appointed Sub-Judges and Chief Court Judges. Similar appointments should be made to the Executive Council. This was the next step. If this could not be now, it may be four years hence. Last year a proposal that a member of the Representative Assembly should be nominated to the Executive Council was sent to Government. But Government did not give a reply that could satisfy them. If it was not possible to take a member from the Representative Assembly to the Council a member from the Legislative Council might at least be taken. Government should give attention to this proposition.

Dewan.—I wish to ask the members one question. The Legislative Council is a place where the non-official

SUBJECT No. 48.

Qualification of members of the Legislative Council.

Mr. B. Gundu Rao, Devanahalli Taluk.

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Nomination of a non-official member of the Legislative Council to the State Council.

Messrs. C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board, and A. Ananthiah, Nagar Sabha.

members should be frank and independent in their criticism of Government. If appointment is to be made from the Legislative Council to the Executive Council is it in the interests of frankness and independence of criticism on the part of members? The general question apart, is this sound policy?

Mr. Subba Rao.—The principle that in the interest of frankness and independence such appointment should not be made is generally correct, but in British India Judges of High Courts have sometimes been taken to the Executive Council in spite of it, and no great harm has come. I propose appointment from the Legislative Council simply because Government said last year that no appointment can be made from the Representative Assembly.

Mr. M. Subbiah.—The most important institution in the State is the Representative Assembly. The Executive Council is only to execute the policy approved by His Highness. We may therefore ask for more powers to the Representative Assembly than ask for these favours. Besides, non-official members in the service of Government change their opinions. There is no use therefore of a member being on the Executive Council. He would not represent the people. The Government with or without a non-official member is always the same. We do not want this privilege. We would rather have more powers for the Assembly.

Mr. Abbas Khan.—The non-official may be an honorary member of the Executive Council. Only those who can do honorary work should be taken. The power of electing the member may be given to the Representative Assembly.

Dewan.—This is an effective reply to my question.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—A non-official should be on the Executive Council. The member should be elected from the Representative Assembly and not from the Legislative Council. A beginning was made in 1889 when there was an Advisory Council during the time of Messrs. Chentsal Rao and Krishna Rao, etc. A capable member from the Representative Assembly should be elected.

Dewan.—The suggestion, as it stands, is not practicable. The general feeling, however, I will submit to His Highness.

Dewan.—The matter is under consideration in the Legislative Department.

Mr. Krishna Sastri.—It has been under consideration very long.

SUBJECT No. 50.

Right of private persons to sue Government servants.

Mr. Guruhinja Wodeyar, Devanahalli Taluk.